

# THE INDEPENDENT

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR

GRIMSBY, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH, 1919

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## WE WELCOME YOU

The boys of GRIMSBY District who have spent many weary months and years overseas in the service of the Empire still continue to return home in ones and twos; and we extend to them the heartiest of welcomes and deeply felt appreciation for what they have done for us during the past dark years.

**BEATTIE, Flight-Lieut. Harry,** who was a well and popularly known young man in this section previous to the war, returned to GRIMSBY on Sunday, May 18, after considerable time in the Royal Air Force. Lieut. Beattie joined the flying service in 1918, and trained at the different camps in Canada, previous to being sent across the sea. He gained his commission and wings in October 1918 proceeded to England for duty with his service. The signing of the armistice prevented him from setting to France, and he did very little flying in the Old Land. For the past months he has been hanging about repatriation camps in England awaiting return to Canada for release.

**SINGLE, Capt. Thomas, E. C.,** a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Single, GRIMSBY, returned to his home, here, a few days ago after a most strenuous and trying period of service on the Western Front. Capt. Single went overseas in 1916 as a Captain in the 125th Infantry Battalion, and after a time of training in the Old Land, he was sent to France, where he did a Hamilton unit, in February 1918. During his service with his unit he was promoted to the rank of Captain in August, 1918; a later report saying he was severely wounded in the leg and was also seriously ill. Capt. Single was awarded the Military Cross for his splendid services with his Battalion, a short time previous to his becoming a casualty. Since September 1918 he has been in hospital in France and England; having suffered the amputation of one of his lower limbs.

**RUTHERFORD, Gunner A. Nelson,** only son of Mrs. Adam Rutherford, GRIMSBY, returned to his home, here, a few days ago after a lengthy and arduous overseas service with the gunners. The lad enlisted when but sixteen years of age, in November 1914, with the 67th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, and trained in Toronto with that unit until March 1917, when he proceeded to England, on draft. After but a short time in the Old Land, Gunner Rutherford was drafted to France, in June 1917, where he joined the 6th Battery, C. F. A. After nearly a year of hard service, during which time he participated in many heavy engagements he was slightly wounded in May, 1918, but remained on duty with his unit. And he has continued with it until his return to GRIMSBY a few days ago. Gunner Rutherford accompanied his battery into Rhineland, after the signing of the armistice, as a part of the Army of Occupation.

**MCNEPHER, Pte. Harvey,** the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad McNeper, GRIMSBY, who resided in Chicago and Detroit for some years previous to the outbreak of war, returned to his home, here, a few days ago, after ten months overseas service with the 12th Pioneer Regiment, United States Army. Pte. McNeper was drafted into the American Army, shortly after that country declared war and did considerable training in the different camps in the Republic previous to proceeding overseas. He was sent across the sea, early in 1918, and served with his unit, behind the front, until the signing of the armistice. He has been discharged from the American service, and will return to Detroit to rejoin his civilian occupation after a short stay with his parents and family, in Chicago.

**REY, Pte. William, W. M.,** one of the real service veterans of this district, returned to his home, here, for the second time, on the evening of May 25, 1919, having secured his discharge, and been returned to civilian life. Pte. Rey was well known in this district, previous to the outbreak of the war, and immediately upon the gathering of the boys in 1914 made arrangements to join the First Canadian Trench Battalion; this being necessary, in view of the fact that he was a British Army Reservist. His joining the battalion the C. E. P. was equivalent to his reporting to his old regimental depot. He proceeded to England with the 1st Divisional Train, Canadian Army Service Corps, in September,

October 1914, and after going through the training on Salisbury Plains accompanied his unit to France in February 1915. He served there continuously until April 1917, when he was slightly wounded at Vimy Ridge, in April 1917; winning, during his service, the Military Medal for conspicuous and gallant work in the bringing forward of ammunition to the battery lines and trenches, under continuous bombardment. During one of the earlier actions of 1916, after getting back to England in April 1917, he was then, as he was then, far enough to Canada; and he returned to GRIMSBY on May 22, 1917. He returned to England after the expiration of his leave, and after but a short time to one of the training camps, again proceeded to his old unit on the front, with which he carried on until May 1918, when he was returned to the ranks, at his own request and transferred to the Canadian Light Horse, a constant unit. With his new unit, Trooper Rey went through all the important engagements of 1918; and continued with the C. L. H. into Rhineland, as a part of the Army of Occupation. He returned to Canada with the unit, but a few days ago, for demobilization, and release from the service. Pte. Rey is one of the few real service-men in this district; and carries in addition to the Military Medal which he won in the present war, and the 1914-15 Star, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Flying Medal, and the British Empire Medal.

**ARNFIELD, Pte. Arthur,** a well known young Englishman who resided with Mr. Frank E. Ross, North GRIMSBY, and was in partnership with him, for some years previous to the outbreak of the war, returned to GRIMSBY on Tuesday, May 27, 1919, after a long and arduous overseas service. Pte. Arnfield enlisted in the early days of the war, in November 1914, joining the 125th Pioneer Battalion, in Toronto and proceeding overseas with that unit in July 1916. After but a short training in the Old Land he was drafted to France to the 12th Battalion, and served through every engagement that unit took part in from his time of joining it in September 1916, on the Somme until he was badly wounded in the right thigh at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. This wound caused Arnfield's evacuation to England, where he spent the last nine months in hospital; after which he was in training base camps until his return to his unit in France in August, 1918. Pte. Arnfield, who joined with the 12th Battalion, France about six weeks ago, for return to Canada and demobilization as a unit, Arnfield carried on with them, going into Rhineland and being a part of the Army of Occupation, after the signing of the armistice.

## G. W. V. A. Corner

The Field Day of Athletic Sports, which was held in Beamsville, under the auspices of the Beamsville Branch, on Victoria Day, May 24, was a very successful affair and our sister branch did very well, financially, out of it. It is a pity that after advertising a tug-of-war between a team from their own branch and a team from the GRIMSBY District Branch, that the local boys should have disappointed the crowd.

The dance which was held in the G. W. V. A. Clubrooms, on Friday night, was the last of the series promoted by the local veterans, during the past months—and was a most successful affair; netting the veterans a neat sum for their general fund. The veterans desire to express to the public their very hearty appreciation and thanks for their patronage of the dances they have held.

At a special meeting of the local branch on Tuesday evening, May 27, a proxy was authorized to be forwarded to the Ontario Provincial Command to be handed to their representatives to the Dominion convention which opens in Vancouver, B.C., on June 9. The next regular meeting of the Grimsby District Branch will be held in the clubrooms on Tuesday evening, June 3, at 8.00 o'clock. A strong request is issued for every possible member to be present. The executive committee will meet at 7.30 the same evening.

**NOTES**  
Dusty was no name for the condition of the Main Street on the Holiday and Sunday—Can our "Superintendent" of Works tell us what system of dust abatement he will have in force during the coming summer? Who started the foot-race about the accident and deaths on the Hamilton-Toronto Highway on Sunday? Is the "Jail Street" to look like a garbage can for the balance of the year—particularly on Sunday?—The incident "arise" which occupied the Council over the appointment of Village Assessor, early this year—will the assessment be made by the two assessors he recommended?

Will the town progress if you trade with out-of-town merchants? Is the GRIMSBY District Branch G. W. V. A. of it, so lacking in esprit de corps and honor that they will continue their policy, in any manner, of Victoria Day, with regard to the sports held by the Beamsville branch of the Great War Veterans?

FOR SALE—A few good Oats Jan. A Livingston, GRIMSBY.

## AN OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Mr. John G. Tonkych (called by Death on Monday Afternoon—In His 86th Year

On Monday afternoon, May 26th, 1919, Mr. John G. Tonkych, one of GRIMSBY's oldest citizens passed quietly away at his home on Robinson Street North, in his eighty-sixth year. The deceased gentleman was in his usual good health up to within a few hours of his death. He arose Monday morning, breakfasted and was out about the lawn during the forenoon, as usual. At about ten-thirty he was taken ill and at four o'clock passed away.

The late John Glover Tonkych was the only son of Frances Tonkych and was born at Stony Creek on October 11, 1833. His mother was Caroline Green, an aunt of Mr. Frank G. Green and a grand-aunt of Dr. Green, Stony Creek.

At the age of thirty-two he was married to Ellen Jane Pettit, daughter of John S. Pettit, North GRIMSBY, and about that time he purchased the Pettit Farm in North GRIMSBY, and resided there until 1902, when he sold out to Mr. L. L. Hagar, and moved to GRIMSBY. His wife died shortly after the birth of his only child, Dr. John E. Tonkych, about fifty five years ago.

The late Mr. Tonkych has made his home with Mrs. A. O. Farewell, for a great many years and has always enjoyed excellent health. He was an ardent sportsman and since retiring from the farm spent a great deal of time in hunting and shooting, often making trips to the West and to other parts of Canada to engage in his favorite pastime. In politics he was a staunch Liberal; and in religion an Anglican.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, at two-thirty o'clock, to St. Andrew's Church Cemetery.

The late Mr. Tonkych is survived by but one son, Dr. John E. Tonkych of Toronto.

## DEATH OF EDWARD DYER

Former Well Known District Resident Dies as Result of Being Gassed on Active Service

The residents of the GRIMSBY District will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Edward Dyer, a former well known and highly respected resident of this section, which occurred in the Hamilton Sanatorium on Sunday morning, May 25, 1919, as a result of the after effects of gas poisoning received on active service, on the Western Front.

The late Mr. Dyer had lived in Beamsville and GRIMSBY for many years, in his youth and in the early days of the Yukon gold rush had gone into that country where he had been practically ever since, or up until the time of the breaking of the war clouds in 1914.

Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities, the deceased gentleman, although over fifty years of age, felt the strong urge to carry arms in defense of his country—and he returned to the home of his youth, Beamsville—and from there enlisted in the 125th Hamilton Battalion, for overseas; and he proceeded to the Old Land with that unit.

After being held in England for a considerable time, on account of his age, although a perfect specimen of manhood, physically, the late Mr. Dyer at last succeeded in getting across to the firing line where he served for many months with a fighting unit, taking part in many important engagements, until badly gassed and returned to England and thence to Canada. He has been in the Hamilton Sanatorium for the past year, since his return from overseas, receiving treatment for the after effects which he suffered as a result of his experience in the field.

In his life Mr. Dyer was always a keen athlete and was an enthusiast of physical tests for the army in spite of outdoor sports and it is due to this that he was enabled to pass the physical tests for his army in spite of his age.

Three sisters and one brother are left to survive the late Mr. Dyer, these being Mrs. Fairbrother Gillingham, Mrs. William Kerr, and Mrs. Louisa Kerr, Beamsville and Charles Dyer of Buffalo, N. Y.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place on Tuesday evening, May 27, 1919, from the residence of Mrs. Fairbrother Gillingham, where service was held; thence to Beamsville where interment took place in Mount Osborne Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Allen Ballard, rector of St. Andrew's Church, GRIMSBY, and the pall-bearers were all members of the immediate family.

**HARRY GORDON REMANDED**  
Returned Soldier Appears Before the Bench on Theft Charge

On Monday, May 26, 1919, in GRIMSBY Police Court, Harry Gordon, a returned soldier, who served many months in France with the Canadian Forces appeared before a charge of theft prior to the return of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cooper, and was remanded for one week.

It appears that upon his return from overseas, Gordon came to GRIMSBY, and was living with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were away at work. His wife is also in residence at Cooper's Mission.

One day, some months ago, and previous to Gordon's receipt of his discharge from the service, both Mr.

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and Mrs. Cooper were away at work, and upon their return the guest of the clan Gordon was not in evidence—and no trace could be found of him—and neither could trace be found of Mrs. Cooper's watch, one or two rings and other small articles of value. Mrs. Gordon gave voice to remarks which lead the Coopers to suspect her husband; and they laid their complaint in front of the Chief of Police.

"Kasey" in his usual efficient way got in touch with the Military authorities in Toronto; rightly assuming that Gordon would turn up there for his "ticket" and "bale". He did. They plucked him. "Kasey" was notified and went over and the bird was flown. As our Kop remarked "It was the same kind of a case they had me suspended on, only reversed."

The Chief of Police, however, was not to be daunted in his chase for the criminal and he notified the Toronto Police Department, laying his case before them—and with such effect that Gordon was apprehended in the Grand City last week, and brought to St. Catharines last Friday by our Police Force, there to await his trial.

He was brought to the Village Monday afternoon—but lacking evidence of sufficient character to carry on with County Crown Attorney Brennan requested a remand of a week, which was granted. And he will appear for trial next week.

## DENNIS FITS IT OVER

Our Talented Confidant Has Let Out on Suspended Sentence

Well, well, our old friend and fellow-lodger, Dennis, known to the district over, and in other places as one of the snappiest confidence men, ever turned out of a small town, has got over the eye of the authorities.

It will be remembered, that not so long ago, a resume of this all-round alchemist, and slacker's activities was outlined in this column. At that time, he had just been handed over to the Military authorities, in answer to a charge of desertion from his Majesty's service, during active service.

Nothing was heard of the boy, until a few weeks ago, when we were informed that he had been brought to Hamilton by the civil authorities; having been handed over to them by the military; to answer a charge of obtaining money under false pretences and forgery. The forgery charge being preferred by Mrs.

Burns of GRIMSBY. Dennis, when arraigned before the Police Magistrate, in Hamilton, elected to be tried by higher court—and he was remanded.

A few days ago he came up to answer to the charge—and was let off on suspended sentence.

personality and splendid screen work. Others of the cast, too numerous to mention, are all well known in the theatrical world.

The play was taken from the clever novel of the same name written by George Randolph Chester, the eminent novelist and playwright, who was also the author of "Get-rich-quick Wallingford."

The production was made by Director Ralph W. Ince, one of the most distinguished of screen directors in America who has produced many famous productions both here and abroad.

Another distinguished member of the cast of "Five Thousand an Hour" worthy of note, in Hamilton, the beautiful chestnut horse, winner of the Saratoga Special. Hannibal is seen in the picture in the now famous race in which he won the cash prize of nine thousand dollars and the gold cup valued at ten thousand.

## DEATH OF RALPH HENRY

Famous Beamsville Boy, Well Known in Grimsby Goes Down After a Long Illness

The residents of the GRIMSBY District and more particularly the younger element, will be greatly shocked to hear of the death of Ontario Ralph Henry, of Beamsville, in that Village, on the morning of Thursday, May 23, 1919, after a long and trying illness, in his twenty-eight year.

The deceased young man was a son of O. E. and Mrs. Henry of Beamsville, and was well and favorably known in this section of the District as well as in his home town. Prolonged suffering he fought a dread disease with over-zealous cheerfulness and hope and up to a short time before he died was feeling renewed confidence in soon getting outside again. Deceased was born in Beamsville and took an active interest in everything pertaining to the life of the community. He was a few months of his last illness he had employed himself in office routine.

The funeral of the late young man took place on Sunday, May 25, 1919, after a service at the house, interment taking place in Mount Osborne cemetery, Beamsville; a large gathering of friends and acquaintances being present to pay their last respects to the memory of their departed friend.

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## FACTS AND FANCIES

BY FRANK FAIRBORN

### North Grimsby Roads:

One would think that after all the discussion, and after all the money that has been spent on the road systems of the townships in the County of Lincoln, that the travelling public would, by this time, be getting some sort of decent service and some sort of fair return for their money.

I am led to thus soliloquize after travelling over a piece of road within a mile of GRIMSBY, on what is known as the Smithville and GRIMSBY Stone Road.

The piece of road which I refer to is, in my opinion, the worst piece of road in the County of Lincoln; and yet it lies on a generally good stone road within a mile of GRIMSBY, and within a half mile of where one Councilor of the Township lives, and another of the Councilors drives over it every week.

Yet, as I have said, I believe it is the worst piece of road in the County of Lincoln—and there are some dandies.

The piece of road which I refer to has been in bad condition for the past seven years—but the work done on it, by the Road Commissioner, this Spring, has made it ten times worse than it ever was—and it still lies in an almost impassable condition, with no effort being made to improve it.

This piece of road lies in front of the farm of Cole Brothers just on top of the GRIMSBY Mountain.

As I have said before, it has been in very bad condition for the past seven years—in fact it has been the worst piece of road between Smithville and GRIMSBY for seven years.

This Spring the Road Commissioner took a slam at it—and for the past three weeks it has been almost impassable.

The centre of the road and left it there, without any attempt to make the centre of the road fit for traffic.

The result was that the traffic was driven off the centre of the road, on to the sides—and on account of the extreme wet weather, the sides of the road have been cut into great ditches and are not fit for travel—but the public is compelled to blunder along through and over them the best way they can.

There were many days this Spring when it would have been impossible for a team to draw a load along this piece of road—and even now, when the whole road between Smithville and GRIMSBY is in fair, good shape, this piece of road still continues to be almost impassable.

I do not know what should cause such a situation as this—unless it is the utter carelessness of the Township Council and the absolute incompetency of the Road Commissioner.

Had the Road Commissioner left the road alone instead of piling a lot of coarse stone upon it—the public would not have been driven into the ditches during the past wet season. The traffic would, at least, have gone along the centre of the road without danger of being dumped into the ditch.

But as it is, the Road Commissioner destroyed any chance there was of using the centre of the road—and the public have been forced to use the ditches.

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had piece of road on a leading thoroughfare for months and months, when we are paying good money to have such pieces of road repaired properly and promptly.

When a piece of road requires repairs these repairs should be made promptly and finished up at once; and the road put in the best possible state for travel.

The public cannot afford, nowadays, to wait for the old-fashioned system of having coarse stone thrown on a road and allowed to lie there for months and months, until the frost and snow, and wind and weather beat it down so that it is fit to travel over.

The piece of road which I refer to is on a leading thoroughfare—it is within a mile of a big town—Thousands of automobiles and teams pass over it every week—and the public have no right to be forced to put up with a piece of road like this.

It is, therefore, up to the Council of North GRIMSBY to see that this nuisance is abated—and at once—because if it is left to the Road Commissioner the road will probably remain in its present condition throughout the entire season.

In the first place, the method of repairing this piece of road is entirely wrong—big coarse stone should never be used to repair a road.

There are many big stones on this road before the repairs were commenced—and all the road required was a few loads of finely crushed stone, finished off with stone dust; and it would have been in perfect condition for travelling over, three hours after the workmen left it.

As it is now, however, it will not be fit to travel on in a year—unless something is done to improve it.

As a matter of fact, seventy-five per cent of the money spent in repairing in North GRIMSBY is absolutely wasted, and thrown away—and in ninety per cent of the cases, the workmen leave the road in a worse condition than they found it in.

It is time that this slipshod, wasteful, foolish method of road repairing was done away with and a proper, up to date system installed by which the people would get one hundred per cent. value for their taxes instead of getting less than twenty-five cents worth of value out of each dollar expended.

One Hundred Dollars, judiciously expended from the top of the Mountain to GRIMSBY Centre would have put that two miles of stone road into fair condition; but what work has been done has made the road worse and there are many spots that need repairing badly that have not been touched at all.

It seems to me that if the Road and Councilors of North GRIMSBY drove over the roads in their own Township a little more, they would find the necessity to give their Road Commissioners some sharp and implicit instructions that would be the means of more attention being paid to road repairing—and then the public would not be forced to slither through bog spots in the road for months and months before repairs are undertaken and traffic driven from the road entirely by the style of repairs that are done.

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#### FELLOWSHIP WITH NATURE

Residents of this district at this season manifest a special pride in the wonderful sight of blossom. It is good to hear so many expressions of admiration, indicative of an appreciative sense which is inherent in every wholesome being. When viewing from a vantage point the hundreds of fruit blossoms the effect is somewhat monotonous, but the future commercial value of this gorgeous display is the all important feature to be considered by the owners.

The earth will bear flowers anywhere and with all the splendor of our fruit blossom it is not a title of the beauty that this district is capable. We have so many different positions, each favorable to a different type of flower life, and many residents have planted beautiful things that do not get the prominence they deserve, and we hope that the beauty of these rare specimens will be appreciated and that they will be planted on a larger scale.

The handsome specimen of Magnolia conspicua as seen in the garden of Mr. H. K. Griffith is of great interest to the lover of choice flowers. The tree is of striking aspect with its huge blossoms, snow white

tinged with rose purple, each specimen is outbursting to the most conspicuous position, its beauty never fails to command attention, leaving a delightful impression upon the mind.

Those who look at one or sky or road see beauties that no art can show, but among the things made by man, nothing is prettier than a beautiful garden. The garden of GRIMSBY have so many advantages that they can become the dream of Canada. Why not then line up with the Horticultural Society and endeavor to reach the objective.

#### PAID UP LIST

C. Posting, Beamsville	May 12/39
Harry Carr, Hamilton	Sept. 1/39
J. L. Mueselman, Beamsville	
Mrs. Ed. Lee, Hamilton	May 12/39
W. J. Goss, Grimsby Corners	Dec. 31/38
Frank Sifton, St. Catharines	Dec. 31/38
Miss Jessie Palmer, Windsor	Mar. 7/39
Mrs. J. Ambrose, Grimsby	Sept. 10/38
Frank McLean, Beamsville	Jan. 27/39
Jan. Henderson, Grimsby	May 12/39
Jan. Monaghan, Grimsby	Jan. 7/39

Geo. W. Millon, Stoney Creek. Apr. 1/39  
Henry L. Sherman, Milton May 31/39  
St. T. Vidal, Beamsville Dec. 31/38

#### LINCOLN LIBERALS

Candidates of T. Marshall, M. L. A. Endorsed

—22—Whoever else Smithville, May for the leadership in the running party at the of the Ontario Liberal Convention to be held in Toronto a few weeks hence, will be in the M. L. A. of the coming Liberal field, and the coming Liberal field, that he Major Tolmie was here yesterday afternoon for the annual meeting of the Lincoln Liberal Association, and though he did not make any such announcement in his speech from the platform, enough was gleaned from a few after-statements that would lead to no other conclusion than that Major Tolmie is hard after the chief position in the gift of the Liberal party of Ontario. It is safe to say that, after the magnificent oration he made in the well-attended meeting held here yesterday afternoon, if the Lincoln Liberals had had their way, he would have been elected Liberal leader then and there. Major Tolmie is already well known as one of the most gifted and eloquent speakers in the legislature, and those who know his career since 1914 when he was first elected, and since which time he has spent three years overseas, will not be at all surprised if he carries the coming convention in Toronto with him. The meeting again unanimously endorsed the previous nomination of Thomas Marshall, M. L. A., and elected Camille Bort Paterson, of Ridgville, as the choice for first vice-president, and Mrs. Curtis Haynes, of Jordan, for second vice-president.

Representatives of the association to the Provincial Liberal convention were appointed as follows: The president and first vice-president, Mrs. Haynes and Miss Randall, of GRIMSBY.

A goodly number of "the faithful" from GRIMSBY, Beamsville and the balance of the constituency were present at the meeting.

#### COVER CROP PREVENTS LOSS IN SOIL FERTILITY

The much of the fertility leached out of soils during the winter may be saved by using rye as a cover crop in the opinion of agronomists at the Ohio Experiment Station. In sections where corn follows corn in the crop rotation the loss of fertility is greater as the ground remains bare during the winter and is subject to intense leaching by rains. Rye sown even in the early part of November in a southern Ohio may make a half month before winter, taking up much of the fertility and holding it until the cover crop is turned under in the spring.

Studies holding the latest fertility the cover crop prevents serious washing and erosion of soil on hilly lands, a problem which upland farmers find difficult to control. Much of the higher lands are now brought under cultivation. While the rye does not add any fertility to the soil, merely conserving what is already there, the network of roots which it forms separate the soil particles and put the ground in a better physical condition for succeeding crops.

From one and one-half to two bushels of rye to the acre for cover crop seeding is recommended by the experiment station officials.

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## DISCOVERING CANADA



One of the interesting, if inevitable, results of the great war is the way in which it has diverted the course of summer travel. Formerly, when Mr. and Mrs. Upper Ten of Halifax or London wished to arrange their holiday itinerary, there was practically only one place to go—Europe.

Now things have changed. Mr. and Mrs. Upper Ten seem to have turned for a summer vacation, and as they have discovered Canada.

They have found to their amazement that Canada has the most gorgeous scenery in the world, that nothing in any of the other countries can compare with our wonderful Rocky Mountains, and that now it is there a more exquisite natural landscape than in Ontario, or in the British Columbia Valleys.

Even the prairies, depicted and suggested by descriptive writers, have an infinite charm to the real Westerner. "Monotonous?" he says, in genuine surprise, "monotonous? Never! I'd sooner motor over a prairie trail than take the finest manufactured lake-liners drive in the world. You're monotonous, if you like. Nothing but smooth pavements, conventional boulevards and formal city houses with their neat little gardens."

"No, sir, give me the open road where you can let out a war-hoop, if you like, sing if you want to, drive with your hat off, and your sleeves rolled up, take a pot-shot at the gophers bounding up to watch you pass, or stop for a 'chicken' at a home-stead, a shack and find him mighty glad to see you. What would you say if you were to ask me to ask one of your city folk to go with you, if you stopped at his dear to you, 'I'm driving across your town, and thought I'd just stop for a chat, and thought I'd have you arrested! No, no! for the prairie!'

But it isn't all prairies and home-steads in the West. You may be a prairie in the West, as just as forms, and 'dressed-up' as you like at the beautiful mountain hotels of Banff, Lake Louise, Field, Glacier, and at the coast. All the hotels from Vancouver to Victoria are excellent, but particularly the Banff Springs Hotel, at Banff, P. Banff Springs Hotel, and the Chateau at Lake Louise, and the hotel press at Victoria. These three hotels are particularly beautiful and are in their atmosphere, that one feels as if one could linger there forever in a lotus-eater's paradise, always happy and comfortable.



(1) Lake Louise in the Clouds. (2) Banff Springs Hotel.

step cut under the stars and get just as far away from civilization as your heart desires. And then, when you come to Vancouver and Victoria, you may have all the advantages of shops, marvellous road-conditions, and the best of the world with a certain Oriental flavor that is both pleasant and refreshing. Japanese servants in the hotels, Japanese and Chinese shops with all sort of intriguing novelties in the windows, tall, dignified Hinokis with their picturesque turbans, the streets, sailors from every country off the various ships in port—nothing is quite so interesting as coast town.

"See Canada first," should be the slogan of all Canadian citizens in these days of stop and stare. It would give such as every one of us a passport to be for our country if we could go from Halifax to Vancouver to see just how in our Dominion and how worth while it is to fight for her.

If you really want to "rough it," you may, at any of the mountain resorts, where your Swiss guides and porters will take you for several days, or even for a week, and even to the















# The Case Of Jennie Brice

one of the hands had been drawn a circle in pencil. I took it to the gas jet and looked at it closely. It was a tall woman with a hat on, not unlike Jennie Brice. She was looking over the crowd, and I could see only her face, and that in shadow. I shook my head. "I thought not," he said. "We have a lot of stage pictures of her, but what with false hair and their being retouched beyond recognition, they don't amount to much." He started out and stepped on the doorstep to get a cigar. "Take him in if he comes," he said. "And keep your eyes open. Find him well and he won't kill you."

I had plenty to think of when I was cooking Mr. Reynolds' supper—the chance that I might have Mr. Laidley again and the woman at Horner. For he had come to me like a flash as Mr. Graves left the "Horn"—on the paper slip might have been "Horner."

After all, there was nothing sensational about Mr. Laidley's return. He came at 8 o'clock that night, fresh shaved and with his hair cut, and, although he had a latchkey, he rang the doorbell. I knew his ring, and I thought it no harm to carry an old razor of Mr. Pittman's with the blade open and folded back on the handle, the way the colored people use them, in my left hand.

But I saw at once that he meant no mischief.

"Good evening," he said, and put out his hand. I jumped back until I saw there was nothing in it and that he only meant to shake hands. I didn't do it. I might have to take him in and make his bed and cook his meals, but I did not have to shake hands with him.

"You, too?" he said, looking at me with what I suppose he meant to be a reproachful look. But he could no more put an expression of that sort in his eyes than a fish could. "I suppose, then, there is no use asking if I may have my old room—the front room. I won't need two."

I didn't want him, and he must have seen it. But I took him. "You may have it, as far as I'm concerned," I said. "But you'll have to let the paper hanger in tomorrow."

"Assuredly." He came into the hall and stood looking around him, and I handed him a brush of toilet. "It isn't much yet," he said. "But it's better to look at than six feet of muddy water."

"Or than stone walls," I said.

He looked at me and smiled. "Or than stone walls," he repeated, bowing, and went into his room.

So I had him again, and if I gave him only the dull knives and looked up the breakfast table the moment I had finished with it, who can blame me? I took all the precaution I could think of—had Terry put an extra belt on every door and hid the rat poison and the carbolic acid in the cellar.

Peter would not go near him. He loitered around on his three legs, with the split beating a sort of tattoo on the floor, but he stayed back in the kitchen with me or in the yard.

It was Sunday night or early Monday morning that Jennie Brice disappeared. On Thursday evening her husband came back. On Friday the body of a woman was washed ashore at Beaver, but turned out to be that of a stewardess who had fallen overboard from one of the Cincinnati packets. Mr. Laidley himself showed me the article in the morning paper when I took in his breakfast.

"Public hysteria has killed a man before this," he said when I had read it. "Suppose that woman had been mangled or the crew of the steamer had cut her head off! How many people do you suppose would have been willing to swear that it was my wife, Mrs. Laidley?"

"Even without a head I should know him, Laidley," I retorted.

He shrugged his shoulders. "Let's trust she's still alive, for my sake," he said. "But I'm glad, anyhow, that this woman had a head. You'll allow me to be glad, won't you?"

"You can be anything you want as far as I'm concerned," I snapped and went out.

Mr. Holcombe still retained the second story front room. I think, although I said nothing more about it, that he was still "playing horse." He wrote a good bit at the washstand, and, from the loose sheets of manuscript he left, I believe actually tried to begin a play. But mostly he wandered along the water front or stood on one or another of the bridges, looking at the water and thinking. It is certain that he tried to keep in the part by smoking cigarettes, but he hated those, and usually ended by throwing the cigarette away and lighting an old pipe he carried.

On that Thursday evening he came home and sat down to supper with Mr. Reynolds. He ate little and seemed much excited. The talk ran on "Horn," as it always did when he was around, and Mr. Holcombe quoted Spencer a good deal—Herbert Spencer. Mr. Reynolds was impressed, not knowing much beyond alms and the National League.

"Spencer," Mr. Holcombe would say—"Spencer shows that every occurrence is the inevitable result of what has gone before and carries in its train an equally inevitable series of results. Try to interrupt this chain in the smallest degree and what follows? Chaos, my dear sir, chaos."

"We see that at the Horn," Mr. Reynolds would say. "Accident a lot of women to a sick man on Fridays and then make it tooth brushes. That's chaos, all right."

Well, Mr. Holcombe came in that night about 10 o'clock, and I told him Laidley was back. He was almost wild with excitement, wanted to have the back parlor, so he could watch him through the keyhole, and was terribly

excited when I told him there was no keyhole, that the door fastened with a thumb bolt. On learning that the room was to be papered the next morning he grew calmer, however, and put the paperhanger's address from me. He went out just after that.

Friday, as I say, was very quiet. Mr. Laidley moved to the back parlor to let the paperhanger in the front room, smoked and fumed with his pipe all day, and Mr. Holcombe stayed in his room, which was unusual. In the afternoon Molly Maguire put on the striped fur coat and went out, going slowly past the house so that I would be sure to see her. Beyond banging the window down, I gave her no satisfaction.

At 4 o'clock Mr. Holcombe came to my kitchen, rubbing his hands together. He had a parabolic tube in his hand about a foot long, with an arrangement of small mirrors in it. He said it was modeled after the something or other that is used on a submarine, and that he and the paperhanger had fixed a place for it between his door and the ceiling of Mr. Laidley's room, so that the chandelier would hide it from below. He thought he could watch Mr. Laidley through it, and as it turned out he could.

"I want to find his weak moment," he said excitedly. "I want to know what he does when the door is closed and he can take off his mask. And I want to know if he sleeps with a light."

"If he does," I replied. "I hope you'll let me know, Mr. Holcombe. The gas lights are a terror to me as it is. I think he kept it on all last night. I turned off all the other lights and went to the cellar. The meter was going around."

"Fine!" he said. "Every murderer fears the dark, and our friend of the parlor bedroom is a murderer, Mrs. Pittman. Whether he hangs or not, he's a murderer."

The mirror affair, which Mr. Holcombe called a periscope, was put in that day and worked amazingly well. I went with him to try it out, and I distinctly saw the paperhanger take a cigarette from Mr. Laidley's case and put it in his pocket. Just after that Mr. Laidley snatched into the room and looked at the new paper. I could both see and hear him. It was rather weird.

"Oo, what a wall paper!" he said.

CHAPTER VII.

HAT was Friday afternoon. All that evening and most of Saturday and Sunday Mr. Holcombe sat on the floor with his eye to the reflecting mirror and his notebook beside him. I have it before me.

On the first page is the "big meaty" entry. On the next, the description of what occurred on Sunday night, March 4, and Monday morning, the 5th. Following that came a sketch, made with a carbon sheet of the torn paper found behind the washstand:

And then came the entries for Friday evening:

8:30—Hitting heavy snore.

9—Lights cigarette and paces down. Notice that when Mrs. P. kneels he goes to desk and pretends to be writing.

9:30—Has been spending a quarter of an hour on his knees looking behind furniture and examining baseboard.

10—He has the key to the only clock. Has hidden it twice—once up the chimney and once behind baseboard.

10:35—He has just thrown key or similar small article outside window into yard.

11—Has gone to bed. Light burning. Shall sleep here on floor.

11:30—He cannot sleep. Is up waiting the floor and smoking.

2 a. m.—Saturday. Disturbance below. He had nightmare and was talking "Jennie!" He got up and took and is now reading.

8 a. m.—Must have slept. He is shaving.

12 m.—Nothing this morning. He wrote for four hours, sometimes reading aloud what he had written.

2 p. m.—He has a visitor, a man. Cannot hear all word now and then. "Llewellyn is the very man." "Devil of a risk." "We'll see you through." "Lost the key." "Didn't go to the hotel. She went to a private house." "Edna Sheffer?"

Who went to a private house? Jennie Brice?

3:30—Cannot hear. Are whispering. The visitor has given Laidley roll of film.

4—Followed the visitor, a tall man with a pointed beard. He went to the Liberty theater. Found it was Lincoln, business manager there. Who is Llewellyn, and who is Edna Sheffer?

4:15—Had Mrs. P. bring telephone book; six Llewellyns in the book; no Edna Sheffer. Laidley appears more cheerful since Bronson's visit. He has bought all the evening papers and is searching for something. Has not found it.

7—At 6 well. Have asked Mrs. P. to take my place here while I interview the six Llewellyns.

11—Mrs. P. reports a quiet evening. He read and smoked. Has gone to bed. Light burning. Saw six Llewellyns. None of them know Bronson

or Laidley. Math—a lawyer—out at revival meeting. Went to the church and walked home with him. He knows something. Acknowledged he knew Bronson. Had met Laidley. Did not believe Mrs. Laidley dead. Regretted I had not been to the meeting. Good morning. Asked me for a dollar for mission.

9 a. m.—Sunday. Laidley in bed change. Apparently been drinking all night. Cannot eat. Sent out early for papers and has searched them all. Found entry on second page, started at it, then sang the paper away. Have sent for same paper.

10 a. m.—Paper says: "Body of woman washed ashore yesterday at Seewickley. Much mutilated by flood debris." Laidley in bed, staring at ceiling. Wonder if he sees tube? He is ghastly.

That is the last entry in the notebook for that day. Mr. Holcombe called me in great excitement shortly after 10 and showed me the item. Nothing of us doubted for a moment that it was Jennie Brice who had been found. He started for Seewickley that same afternoon, and he probably communicated with the police before he left, for once or twice I saw Mr. Graves, the detective, searching past the house.

Mr. Laidley ate no dinner. He went out at 4, and I had Mr. Reynolds follow him. But they were both back in a half hour. Mr. Reynolds reported that Mr. Laidley had bought some headache tablets and some bromide powder to make him sleep.

Mr. Holcombe came back that evening. He thought the body was that of Jennie Brice, but the head was gone. He was much depressed and did not immediately go back to the periscope. I asked if the head had been cut off or taken off by a steamer. He was afraid the latter, as a head was gone too.

It was about 11 o'clock that night that the doorknob rang. It was Mr. Graves, with a small man behind him. I knew the man. He lived in a shanty boat not far from my house, a curious affair with shelves full of dishes and tinware. In the spring he would be towed up the Monongahela a hundred miles or so and sent down, lying up, at different landings and selling his wares. Almosty Swift was his name. We called him Tim.

Mr. Graves motioned me to be quiet. Both of us knew that behind the parlor door Laidley was probably listening. "Hurry to get you up, Mrs. Pittman," said Mr. Graves. "But this man says he has bought her here today. That won't do, Mrs. Pittman."

"Dear! I haven't such a thing in the house. Come in and look!" I snapped. And the two of them went back to the kitchen.

"Now," said Mr. Graves when I had shut the door, "where's the dog's meat, man?"

"Dunno."

"Bring him quickly."

I called Mr. Holcombe, and he came eagerly, notebook and all. "Ah!" he said when he saw Tim. "So you've turned up."

"Yes, sir."

"It seems, Mr. Graves—Mr. Holcombe," said Mr. Graves, "that you are right—partly anyhow. Tim here did help a man with a boat that night—"

"Threw him a rope, sir," Tim broke in. "He'd got out in the current, and what with the ice and his not knowing much about a boat he'd have kept on to New Orleans if I hadn't caught him—or binged him come."

"Exactly. And what time did you say this was?"

"Between 3 and 4 last Sunday night—or Monday morning. He said to

me to dry my eyes and straighten my hat. Had I met Alma on the stairs I would have passed her without a word. She would not have known me. But I saw no one."

Lida was in bed. She was lying there with a rose shaded lamp beside her and a great bowl of spring flowers on a little stand at her elbow. She sat up when I went in and held a maid place a chair for me beside the bed. She looked very ill, with her hair in a braid on the pillow, and her slim young arms and throat bare.

"I'm so glad you came!" she said, and would not be satisfied until the light was just right for my eyes and my coat unfastened and thrown open.

"I'm not really ill," she informed me. "I'm just tired and nervous, and—ah—unhappy, Mrs. Pittman."

"I am sorry," I said. I wanted to lean over and pat her hand, to draw the covers around her and mother her for so long—but I could not. She would have thought it queer and presumptuous—or so, not that. She was too sweet to have thought that.

"Mrs. Pittman," she said suddenly, "who was this Jennie Brice?"

"She was an actress. She and her husband lived at my house."

"Was she—was she beautiful?"

"Well," I said slowly. "I never thought of that. She was handsome in a large way."

"Was she young?"

"Yes. Twenty-eight or so."

"That isn't very young," she said, looking relieved. "But I don't think men like very young women. Do you?"

"I know one who does," I said, smiling. But she set up in bed suddenly and looked at me with her clear, childish eyes.

"I don't want him to like me," she said. "I—I want him to hate me."

"Tell me, you want nothing of the sort."

"Mrs. Pittman," she said, "I sent for you because I'm nearly crazy. Mr. Howell was a friend of that woman. He has acted like a maniac since she disappeared. He doesn't come to see me, he has given up his work on the paper, and I saw him today on the street—he looks like a ghost."

"That put me to thinking."

"He might have been a friend," I admitted, "although as far as I know he was never at the house but once, and then he saw both of them."

"When was that?"

"Sunday morning, the day before she disappeared. They were arguing something."

CHAPTER VIII.

HE looked at me so attentively. "You know more than you are telling me, Mrs. Pittman," she said. "You—do you think Jennie Brice is dead and that Mr. Howell knows—who did it?"

"I think she is dead, and I think possibly Mr. Howell suspects who did it. He does not know, or he would have told the police."

"You do not think he was—was in love with Jennie Brice, do you?"

"I'm certain of that," I said. "He is very much in love with a foolish girl, who ought to have more faith in him than she has."

She colored a little and smiled at that, but the next moment she was sitting forward, tense and questioning again.

"If that is true, Mrs. Pittman," she said, "who was the valued woman that—Monday morning at daylight and took across the bridge to Pittsburgh? I believe it was Jennie Brice. If it was not, who was it?"

"I don't believe he took any woman across the bridge at that hour. Who says he did?"

"Uncle Jim saw him. He had been playing cards all night at one of the clubs and was walking home. He says he met Mr. Howell face to face and spoke to him. The woman was tall and veiled. Uncle Jim went for him a day or two later, and he refused to explain. Then they forbade him the house. Mamie objected to him anyhow, and he only came on conference. He is a college man of good family, but without any money at all save what he earns. And now—"

I had had some young newspaper men with me, and I knew what they got. They were nice boys, but they made \$15 a week. I'm afraid I called a little at I looked around the room, with its grey grass cloth walls, its toilet table spread with ivory and gold and the maid in attendance in her black dress and white apron, collar and cuffs. Given the little nightgown Lida was wearing would have taken a week's salary or more. She saw my smile.

"It was to be his chance," she said. "If he had been good he was to have something better. My Uncle Jim owns the paper, and he promised me to help him. But—"

So Jim was running a newspaper? That was a curious career for Jim to choose—Jim, who was twice expelled from school and who could never write a letter without a dictionary beside him! I had a pang when I heard his name again after all the years, for I had written to Jim from Oklahoma after Mr. Pittman died asking for money to bury him and had never even had a reply.

"And you haven't seen him since?"

"Once. I didn't hear from him, and I called him up. We—we met in the park. He said everything was all right, but he couldn't tell me just then. The next day he resigned from the paper and went away. Mrs. Pittman, it's driving me crazy, for they have found

when I met him. He said such queer things—he talked about an onyx clock and said he had been made a fool of and that no matter what came out it was always to remember that he had done what he did for the best and that—that he cared for me more than for anything in this world or the next."

"That wasn't so, I think!" I couldn't help it. I leaped over and drew her nightgown up over her bare white shoulders. "You won't help anything or anybody by taking cold, my dear," I said. "Call your maid and have her get a dressing gown around you."

I left soon after. There was little I could do. But I comforted her as best I could and said good night. My heart was heavy as I went downstairs. For what things as I might, it was clear that in some way the "well boy" who mixed up in the Brice case. For a little while Lida! Poor distracted boy!

I had a curious experience downstairs. I had reached the foot of the staircase and was turning to go back and along the hall to the side entrance when I came face to face with Lida, the old colored woman who had driven the family carriage when I was a child and whom I had seen at intervals since I came back pottering

around Alma's house. The old man was bent and feeble. He came slowly down the hall with a bunch of keys in his hand. I had seen him do the same thing many times.

He stopped when he saw me, and I shrank back from the light, but he had seen me. "Miss Brice?" he said. "The Gaudy's sake, Miss Brice!"

"You are making a mistake, friend," I said, quivering. "I—Miss Brice?"

He came close to me and stared at my face. And from that he looked at my cloth gloves, at my coat, and he shook his white head. "I once thought you was Miss Brice," he said and made no further effort to detain me. He led the way back to the door, where the machine waited, his head shaking with the jumpy or age, muttering to himself. He opened the door with his best manner and stood aside.

"Good night, ma'am," he quavered. I had tears in my eyes. I tried to keep them back. "Good night," I said. "Good night, Lida."

It had slipped out, my baby name for old Lida!

"Miss Brice?" he cried. "Oh, grates Gaudy, it's Miss Brice again!"

He caught my arm and pulled me back into the hall, and there he told me, crying over me, muttering prayers for my return, begging me to come back, recalling little tender things out of the past that almost killed me to hear again.

But I had made my bed and must lie in it. I forced him to swear solemnly about my visit; I made him promise not to reveal my identity to Lida; and I told him— Heaven forgive me—that I was well and prosperous and happy.

Dear old Lida! I would not let him come to see me, but the next day there came a basket with six bottles of wine and an old daguerrotype of my mother that had been his treasure. Nor was that basket the last.

The corner held an inquest over the headless body the next day, Tuesday. Mr. Graves telephoned me in the morning and I went to the morgue with him.

I do not like the morgue, although some of my neighbors pay it weekly visits. It is by way of occasion, like nickelodeons or watching the circus put up its tent. I have heard that threaten the children that if they misbehaved they would not be taken to the morgue that week!

I failed to identify the body. How could I? It had been a tall woman, probably five feet eight, and I thought the nails looked like those of Jennie Brice. The thumb nail of one was broken short off. I told Mr. Graves about her speaking of a broken nail, but he shrugged his shoulders and said nothing.

There was a curious scar over the heart and he was making a sketch of it. It reached from the center of the chest for about six inches across the ribs—broad, a narrow, thin line that one



"You are making a mistake; I am not 'Miss Brice'!"



"Throw him a rope, sir," Tim broke in.



I felt sure that Jennie Brice had had such scar, and Mr. Graves thought

(To be Continued Next Week.)



